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## PRESS RELEASE

To: The Press

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Subject: Press Release Census #2 - Census 2011 Blog up and running

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The Statistics Department wishes to announce that its blog – 'Anguilla 2011 Population and Housing Census' is up and running. In addition to the google blog the Department will simultaneously post articles to the Anguilla talk's weblog.

The Department has chosen to use of these mediums as part of it integrated all round educational thrust about data and in particular the upcoming 2011 Population and Housing Census. This approach seeks to inform a segment of the population who use this medium.

A census is the process used to acquire information about every member of a given population. This term is mostly used in connection with 'national population and door to door censuses' (to be taken every 10 years according to United Nations recommendations). Most Caribbean countries conduct censuses every 10 years.

Anguilla by law is required to conduct a Population and Housing Census every ten (10) years. Anguilla's last census was conducted in May 2001 and therefore is due to conduct its sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) census in May 2011, having previously conducted censuses in 1960, 1974, 1984 and 1992.

The google blog address is as follows - <http://axacensus2011.blogspot.com/>

The AnguillaTalk weblog is as follows - <http://www.anguillalife.com/AnguillaTalk/index.php>

Population and Housing censuses provide the residents and the government of a country with critical information on demographic issues such as population growth rates, age structure, fertility and mortality, migration and district density among others. Because of the centrality of population issues to development, it is imperative that governments have access to high quality and reliable data. This will enable them to formulate relevant policies and properly plan for the development of their country.

Information will be posted periodically to both the Anguilla Talk site and the Google blog. Additionally, these mediums will be used to continually inform persons about various activities including competitions for various aspects of the census. We are therefore soliciting your queries and questions regarding any aspect of the information posted.

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